

STATESMEN SING
AND TELL YARNS

Take Part in "Musical Evening" at National Press Club.

KAHN DISPLAYS TALENT

Shows Thespian Ability—Senator Bradley's Stories Are Enjoyed.

"A Musical Evening" was the title. A "musical" evening was what was staged at the National Press Club last night. That it was an evening—a particularly large evening—may not be disputed.

Musical statements—the quotation marks around "musical" are eliminated here and hereafter to save space—contributed to the program. It is true that they sang, and sang well. It is remarkable; nothing short of marvelous, in fact, that they displayed such some trait not musical, as music usually is known.

In Representative Kahn, of California, there was uncovered a rare actor of ripe talent and experience. Those who knew that he was a graduate of "stock" were even more surprised for he was a better actor than the average leading man in such companies.

Senator Bradley, of Kentucky, was found to be a story teller of note. He told several stories, which, if they could be retold, would add materially to the already large store of Congressional anecdotes.

Senator Smith, of Arizona, it was discovered early in the evening, is reticent; shy to a degree that could not be registered by an ordinary thermometer.

"Song Bird of Tennessee," Representative Conny, announced to be the Song Bird of Tennessee. He covered a tenor voice that, coming from his bass figure, was a surprise both as to its quality and its course.

Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, confessed by his rendition of a poem and a condemned Filipino's farewell to his country, to being a poet and a collector of excellent, if unknown, literature.

The program was opened by President Oswald Schmitz, of the Press Club. Vice President Theodore Tiller acted as master of ceremonies.

There was an air of mystery about the whole affair. There was no program scheduled. It was announced that the performers had refused to divulge the nature of their "act" or "song." It was well, for it would have been necessary to change the title.

Representative Conny followed the title. He sang "Believe Me, I Am Not a Vaudeville Star." He sang it so well that, in spite of the fact that he opened the bill—something that no vaudeville star would trust himself to do—he was applauded to the echo. He then sang "Dumpty," and retired amid cheers.

Mr. Kahn, without make-up or costume, proceeded by turns to make his hearers laugh, sigh, and stand on chairs to cheer. He started with a monologue that might have been called "Roger's Me Dog." It was the recital of a beggar's love for his dog and whisky. The recitation of the beggar's story, the faithfulness to life that his acting conveyed, made this the bill.

Baritone on Julius Caesar. As encores Mr. Kahn recited "Good Morning, Miss Kate," and "Another Version of Julius Caesar." The latter was a burlesque of Shakespeare's play. It received around Caesar, Brutus, and Antony. Caesar was to furnish food for his party for the day. He bought three loaves of bread, among other things. While he was going for Antony, Brutus was two of the three loaves. Caesar, on returning, met Brutus' confession to having "let two" with the heart-breaking question, "Et tu, Brute?"

Representative Conny recited a poem of his own composition. It was good. As an encore, he repeated the farewell of a young Filipino, about to be shot. He recited it with exceptional expression.

Senator Bradley followed with several stories. It must have taken him several years of practice to learn them, and a daily newspaper cannot, very well, wait several years more to repeat them. It must suffice to say that one of the stories, in particular, was said to be the best that ever has been told by a member of Congress. This was intended as a compliment to a master raconteur.

Then the quartet—broken by the absence, because of confessed cold feet, of Senators Chilton and Smith, of South Carolina—gave "Old Kentucky Home" and "The Old, Saken Smoker." Senators Smith, of Arizona, and Bradley and Representative Conny formed three-fourths of the quartet. Edwin Cullow filled in, and fitted well.

Senator Smith, of Arizona, told a story of three sentences and retired. Then, after Edwin Cullow had sung a solo, the most distinguished vaudeville east that has ever been told in contemporary times, their respective throats and went home.

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Mother, Held as Shoplifter, Defends Her Actions.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 20.—"Rather than see my little girl go hungry and poorly clad, I became a shoplifter. It seemed the only way out. Soon I lost all fear of detection. When the child began to talk of Santa Claus, I couldn't bear it any longer. I determined she should have some toys, even if I had to steal them."

Pacing up and down her narrow cell in the Western police station, where she is being held on the charge of stealing articles from several Baltimore department stores, Mrs. Catherine Baird, forty-nine years old, made this defense of her actions today.

Mrs. Baird said her husband, formerly a "successful" ice dealer, failed, and the child had been accustomed to a comfortable living and in order to give the child Christmas cheer she became a shoplifter.

SENATOR LEWIS TIRES
OF DUTIES AS "WHIP"

Declares Strain Is Too Great and Announces His Intention of Resigning Position.

WORK HAS BEEN INCREASED

A fly in the Democratic ointment incident to the passage of the currency bill is the announcement that Senator James Hamilton Lewis will resign "whip" at the next Senate Democratic caucus.

Senator Lewis confided his determination to renounce the honor—there are no emoluments to friends yesterday. There always has been an indefinite notion as to the duties and limitations of the "whip." There has been a vague idea that the business consisted mainly in keeping Democratic Senators in building distance to answer their names on roll call. But under the administration of Senator Lewis the office has taken on new and serious responsibilities.

The Senator from Illinois is getting weary under the strain. He admitted yesterday that he was expected to adjust small differences between Senators, provide for their personal comfort and answer daily multitudes of small inquiries. "Master of the Bench" is a title suggested for Mr. Lewis' office since he took charge and injected into it a significance—a "yes" as the "no" in the "no" before known to the whip. But he has been content to be known as a whip, not one that scourges but a gentle persuader, tied with pink ribbon.

The Senator explained that he was suffering physically under the strain of his office. He remains up late at night, sleeps in down town hotels instead of going to his regular quarters, at added expense. Senator Lewis said he was not going to resign until he had a successor. If, as asked for a suggestion, he would "tag" Senator Hollis or Senator Walsh.

Many Nominations Passed by Senate President Sends to Upper House List of His Choices for Office.

The Senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of Thomas Butterworth, of Cincinnati, as appraiser of merchandise at Cincinnati; Frank B. Niles, of Ohio, as collector of internal revenue for the Tenth district of Ohio, and Harry H. Wayne, of Ohio, as collector of internal revenue for the Eighteenth district of Ohio; Thomas D. Sanford, as United States attorney for the Middle district of Alabama; Robert N. Bell, as United States attorney for the Northern district of Alabama; Alexander D. Pitts, as United States attorney for the Southern district of Alabama; Roger H. Burr, as United States attorney for the Middle district of Pennsylvania; Joseph Blinnard, as register of the land office at Helena, Mont.; John D. McNeal, as collector of internal revenue for the Tenth district of Ohio; and Charles A. Daley, as United States attorney in that State.

President Wilson sent to the Senate the nomination of Clarence Carrigan, of California, as United States attorney at San Francisco; Emma M. Lawton, of Ohio, to be consul at Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Paul A. Henry, to be collector of internal revenue for the Tenth district of Ohio; Francis D. Winston, to be United States attorney for the Eastern district of North Carolina; W. T. Dorth, to be United States marshal for the Eastern district of North Carolina; John E. Rolins, to be register of the land office at Helena, Mont.; Ashley G. Dawley, to be receiver of public moneys at Elko, Nev.

Under the Capitol Dome. Senator Jones yesterday introduced a bill for the construction of a new United States Capitol for use as a site for a memorial building to the women of the civil war. The building is to be used as headquarters of the American Red Cross.

Senator Weeks, at the request of a number of Massachusetts constituents, yesterday introduced a constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of benzoyl in the United States and all its possessions. Mr. Weeks said that he had not investigated the subject himself, but that the representations made to him indicated that the subject should be investigated.

The Secretary of War yesterday sent to Congress an estimate calling for \$2,500,000 as an urgent deficiency appropriation for the Indian Bureau to pay for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Representative Taylor, of Colorado, introduced a bill in the House authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to establish in the United States and Alaska ten mining experiment stations.

A resolution to investigate charges of favoritism against professors in the West Point Military Academy was introduced in the Senate by Senator Chamberlain. He has received letters stating that the professors have "pats" among the cadets.

The Senate passed two bills to regulate the opium traffic. One prohibits the importation of opium except for medicinal purposes and the other regulates the manufacture of smoking opium.

The immediate erection of a number of camp hospitals for the cure of tuberculosis among Indians is recommended in a report submitted to the Senate by Senator Robinson, chairman of a joint commission to investigate the feasibility of establishing a national tuberculosis sanatorium for Indians in New Mexico.

Work days remaining in which to do y. r. CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. Don't be selfish. SHOP EARLY.

PROBE OF BILL
JUST GOES ON

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office in many towns and cities. He is assuming that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will carry out their pledge in good faith, and that the relations between the two companies will become absolutely independent. The postal lines already have frequently complained of unfair practices as the result of the co-operation between the telephone company and the telegraph company in the matter of the former's disposition to act as a business feeder for the latter.

The question of government ownership of the telegraph lines was formally brought to the attention of Congress yesterday when Representative David J. Lewis, of Maryland, author of the parcels post law, offered a resolution instructing the House Committee on Postoffice to report a bill vesting in the United States a monopoly of the function of communication for hire by electricity.

Mr. Lewis advocated government ownership of such utilities. "If the rate of postal rates is among the lowest in the world," while the rates for telegrams "are among the highest, and the long distance communication from the four to six times the rates prevailing elsewhere."

In his resolution Mr. Lewis set up the contention that the Constitution vests the "conveyance of communications" in the government, and it is on this premise that Mr. Lewis based his demand for government ownership of the telegraph lines.

The resolution directs that the House committee shall frame a bill providing for government ownership of "telephone networks, except farmers' lines," by January 1, 1915. The Postmaster General, it is proposed, shall take possession on the date named, after an appraisal of the cost of the property has been made by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Wilson Has Revealed Policy of Negotiation. Declares Phone Official.

New York, Dec. 20.—Vice President N. C. Kingsbury, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, who conducted negotiations with the government for the combination of the telephone-telegraph companies, yesterday declared that his new revealed his policy of dealing with the large corporations.

The policy is to be one of negotiation. "If the corporation is fair and reasonable," Mr. Kingsbury said, referring to the President's action in settling the question with recourse to litigation, "and it is a thousand times more desirable from every standpoint to settle all such matters in friendly fashion and between individuals, but—except in so far as it works out practically—any one conversant with the laws of the land knows that in no other way could the right to bind the government to any specific act."

"But this is of less significance in itself than the fact that the President himself regarding its attitude toward big business generally."

When the Department of Justice wants to and should make a corporation do something it has no business to do, all that is going to happen is that the corporation will be invited down to Washington to talk the matter over.

"If the corporation plays fair and shows a willingness to do decent things you are. In a word, Attorney General McReynolds is imbued with the same spirit as animates the President. 'You behave decently and we will behave decently.' That's their attitude in a nutshell."

"Naturally there is nothing in the world to prevent the administration from prosecuting its next step. There is nothing to guarantee a continuance of this method of procedure by the authorities in Washington. In Great Britain such commitments are legal and binding on Parliament forever, but here it is altogether a case of individual honesty and discretion. And it is inconceivable that, during the presence in office of the present administration, any change in front will be made."

Busting of Trust Ends Danger of Government Purchase, Declares Vail.

Lyndonville, Vt., Dec. 20.—"We have no fear of absorption of telephone and telegraph lines by the government. This statement was made today by Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which is to be acquired by the government in an agreement made with the government."

Mr. Vail promised the freest competition in the telephone field. He said: "Conforming to the terms of our agreement with the government, the Bell telephone system will offer every opportunity for other telephone companies to connect with its long distance lines."

"We shall encourage the independents to come into line so that the public may have a fair opportunity of deciding which service they want. The Bell system stands on the quality of its service."

"As for the government ownership, if the people will only accept the telephone by the standard they apply to the telephone I am not afraid of the decision. My attitude toward government ownership is merely that of a citizen. The quality of operation and service and to let the public judge for itself."

"We have no fear of such a step being taken by the government now. But even if it should ever be done, it would be a good thing for telephone stockholders. Their property is worth more than it is actually capitalized for."

Phone Trust Dissolution Gratifies Mackay; He Has Praise for McReynolds.

New York, Dec. 20.—Charles M. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, today endorsed the proposed dissolution of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The Postal Company has long accused the telephone trust of unfair dealings. Mr. Mackay issued the following statement this afternoon:

"It has been a bitterly fought contest. The result is a gratifying solution of the whole trouble. We hope and believe it will work out so that no further cause for complaint may exist either on the part of the public or on our part. Anybody with any perspective at all could have seen during the last few years that there would be an end to a huge combination whose chief purpose was to throttle competition in order to control and monopolize. We feel grateful to the administration and particularly to Attorney General McReynolds for the result."

The Department of Justice took the matter up of its own initiative and without any attempt to shift or evade responsibility the Attorney General has brought about this complete solution."

The average annual French catch on the Newfoundland Banks, 1902-1910, was 98,000 hundredweight; catch in 1912 (estimated), 28,000 hundredweight; catch in 1913 (estimated), 60,000 hundredweight.

PAGES TO SPEND QUIET XMAS.

Will Remain, While Others of Kennedy Force Quit London.

London, Dec. 20.—Ambassador and Mrs. Page will stay in London Christmas and eat their turkey with the family at the Grosvenor Square home. The Ambassador, who, ever the family man, will hold down the affairs of the embassy, while the lesser lights of his suite will go further afield in search of Yuletide joys.

First Secretary Irwin Laughlin, with adjutant, who was a daughter of Adrian Inell, is included in a Christmas party which Lord and Lady Granard, nee Beatrice Mills, are giving at Forbes Castle, in Ireland. Hallett Johnson, the under secretary, is off to Switzerland to enjoy a brief taste of the delights of winter sports. The two service attaches are keeping their plans dark.

Representative T. B. Dunn, of New York, with Mrs. Dunn and one or two American friends, plans to pass Christmas in the Carlton Hotel, where all sorts of justifications have been arranged.

DANGER SCENTED
IN SENATE BILL

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Republican as conferees on the part of the House.

The House members named and Senators Owen, O'Grady, Reed, Pomeroy, Shafroth, and Hollis, Democrats, and Nelson, Crawford, and Weeks comprise the conference committee.

Oppose Insurance Feature. The first meeting of the Conference Committee of the Senate and House to adjust the points of difference on the currency bill, which adjourned at 5 o'clock last night, practically determined to eliminate the insurance of bank deposits. Several members of the Conference committee, however, favored the meeting that this feature would go out.

The first brief session, which lasted for a little more than an hour, was devoted to considering the real issues between the two Houses. The conference met again at 8 o'clock last night and continued until nearly midnight. The House conferees, led by Chairman Glass, intimated they would insist that the capitalization of the regional associations should be approved by the House.

The House conferees provided, it would mean to the House the capitalization of one-half, or to an amount approximating the total of paid-up capital required under the Senate bill. The Senate amendment, however, would require that approximately \$100,000,000, but requires that only one-half be paid in the rest remaining subject to call. The House conferees took a stand in favor of retaining the present capitalization of the regional associations.

At the very outset of the conference, the House members declared that they would not yield to the limitations put upon the number of regional banks fixed by the Senate. The House bill authorizes the creation of twelve or more regional banks. The Senate amended the provision to provide for any number between eight and twelve. The House members of the conference committee expressed a willingness last night to accept a compromise, making eight the minimum, but fixing no maximum, so that the Federal reserve board could, at its discretion, adopt the suggestion of Senator Newlands and establish forty-seven regional banks.

Other points of difference that will have to be disposed of are the suggestion of the change in the character and makeup of the Federal reserve board. The amendment providing for a gradual shifting of reserves from present reserve banks to the Federal reserve banks contemplated by the new system.

Recognizing as a matter of right the privileges of member banks to claim equality of treatment in the matter of reserve, the House conferees committed to the Senate the question of the monthly paper held by banks in agricultural regions to redact under certain limitations.

Authorizing member banks outside of reserve cities and in agricultural communities to make long-term farm mortgage loans in limited amounts.

Requiring that Federal reserve notes be redeemed in gold, and increasing the Treasury Department against such notes from 10 to 15 percent, protecting this reserve against depletion by a reserve fund.

There are other minor points of difference as to the choice of directors of the regional banks, but the amendments made by the Senate outlined above represent the principal differences between the two Houses.

Incorporation Papers Under New Law Asked.

The first requests for papers with which to secure incorporation under the Glass-Owen currency bill which, it is expected, will become law by Tuesday, were received at the Treasury Department yesterday. More than a score of them came by telegraph.

Many of the telegrams expressed approval of the currency measure, while others merely embodied requests for applications for incorporation. It was noted that requests came from banks in New York City.

Under the terms of the bill, as it passed the Senate, national banks must come to do a reserve business unless they have made application for membership in the new system by the expiration of sixty days after the enactment of the new law.

The work of reorganizing the banking system, by defining the reserve "regions" and other steps, is to be done by the reorganization committee of the Federal reserve board.

Among the banks announcing their desire to join the system were the National Bank of the Republic in Chicago, and Western institutions; the National Bank of Danville, Va., and the following banks in Baltimore: Merchants and Mechanics National Bank, National Bank of Baltimore, National Bank of Baltimore, Bank of Baltimore, and Merchants National Bank, National Bank of Commerce, Second National Bank, Maryland National Bank, National Marine Bank, National Howard Bank, Oldtown National Bank.

40 Reported Hurt in Wreck. Texas Pacific Train Jumps Track West of El Paso.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 20.—Forty persons are reported injured in a wreck of the Texas Pacific train No. 1, west-bound, sixty miles west of here this afternoon. A day coach, chair car, diner and Pullman left the track. A broken rail is said to have caused the accident.

Doctors and nurses were left El Paso for the scene of the wreck.

There are 1,200 co-operative societies in Great Britain.

MIND OF PUBLIC
EASILY SWERVED

Recent Wedding at the White House Is Cited as an Example.

MEXICO WAS FORGOTTEN

Developments in Situation Ignored as Time of the Wilson-Sayre Marriage Approached.

The Wilson-Sayre and the Roosevelt-Longworth weddings at the White House furnish interesting examples of how the public mind swerves from the ordinary channels. Variations of public interest perhaps are apparent more quickly in Washington than in any other city, as Washington is the center of many activities in which the people are concerned.

Up until a short time before the date set for the Wilson-Sayre wedding, everybody in the country was deeply absorbed in the Mexican situation. People on street corners, at meetings, in church, in the schools, around dinner tables, in barrooms, talked about the crisis which developed so rapidly in the Southern republic. But as the date for the Wilson-Sayre wedding approached, the affairs which vexed the heads of the American and Mexican nations ceased to compel attention.

It is to be noted furthermore that developments in Mexico were no less critical during the week preceding November 17, for the Mexican Congress had passed by direct defiance of the American demands, an action which might have resulted in serious consequences had not the public attention been diverted to the wedding. The Wilson-Sayre wedding, every body in the country was deeply absorbed in the Mexican situation. People on street corners, at meetings, in church, in the schools, around dinner tables, in barrooms, talked about the crisis which developed so rapidly in the Southern republic. But as the date for the Wilson-Sayre wedding approached, the affairs which vexed the heads of the American and Mexican nations ceased to compel attention.

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